

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 2, 2015**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Lisa Derr – absent
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel - Excused

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Amy Booher, Human Services; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Pollesch to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of September 4, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Chairperson Miller reported that she attended 3 sessions at the recent WCA conference, and that she has also been attending the Sheriff's Citizen Academy.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: No report.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported that there is a group from Outagamie County in the building today and she expects another group in a couple of weeks regarding efilng and paperless files.

Child Support Report: No report

District Attorney Report: No agenda items for this meeting – they are currently going through the budget process.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel reviewed his 6 month budget at this meeting as he had had to leave early last month. The Sept ember numbers have not been entered yet. He reported that the increase in cremation fees is helping keep his department within budget. Autopsies continue to be the largest line item.

The ME gave to the Committee his quarterly caseload report, activities being up again and cremation exams up. Autopsy numbers are also slightly higher than this time last year. He also

informed the Committee the typical breakdown of causes of death in autopsied cases and that correctly determining the causes of death is extremely important.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt updated the Committee that the Citizen's Academy is going well.

The Sheriff gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Records Management RFP results and the proposals that will be made in the future. This is a time sensitive matter and important because it is the 911 system. The goals going forward are to have a county-wide management system stability as the Sheriff's Office is still having problems with freeze-ups, operational efficiency for all employees, it needs to be user friendly, and there needs to be adequate support that is both efficient and fast. Cost to the County is another main consideration.

The Sheriff advised the Committee that 3 proposals have been received and there were demonstrations of each system. He gave details of each proposal including the total anticipated cost and the support for each program that would be anticipated from each vendor.

New World was one of the vendors that is the current software system being used. The Sheriff reported that a recent upgrade still didn't fix the system.

Pro-Phoenix was another vendor, and although it works well in Walworth County, it was not felt this system would work well for Dodge County.

Spillman was the other vendor. It was the unanimous opinion that this system was the right fit for Dodge County. There would be a transition committee formed to make sure there is a smooth transition that would include the IT Department and other Police Departments of the County. Upgrades would be included in the cost for this system. It would be acquired on a lease-to-own proposal. Costs would be divided over three years with no interest. Spillman has also agreed to waive software costs of all local law enforcement agencies. The go live date for this conversion would be January, 2018 and the Sheriff stated the financial requirements to obtain the system. The Spillman system would also be compatible with the FBI crime reporting standards.

This proposal for conversation will be taken to the Committee for action next month. IT agrees that this Spillman is the best system to go with. There will be a contract reviewed by IT, the Sheriff's Office, and Corporation Counsel Office. While the Sheriff does not want to spend the money for this, he feels it is the best interest of the County.

The Committee thanked Sheriff Schmidt for his presentation.

The next item to come before the Committee was a resolution to create a Crime Prevention Funding Board in Dodge County. The Sheriff explained that for every misdemeanor and felony conviction, \$20.00 would be an additional cost that would go into this Fund. The Sheriff explained different uses for this Fund and who would operate it. The District Attorney made statements regarding ethics and technical issues. The Clerk of Courts explained that her office would be responsible for collection although the funds raised would be turned over to the County Treasurer. The Judges have not discussed this proposal yet. Pollesch moved to approve this resolution with a second by Bischoff. There was no further discussion and the motion carried. There was a question as where the \$20.00 cost could be assessed by the date of the offense or the date of conviction.

A further resolution regarding a radio system for a Communication Center Annex went before the Committee. Scott Smith gave the presentation regarding this project and gave the

background for the 911 communication center. The Sheriff's Office currently shares the Mobile Command Center trailer with Emergency Management. In the case of emergency evacuation this trailer is not sufficient to run the County's 911 system and a back-up emergency communication center that is permanent is desirable. Discussions have taken place between Emergency Management and the communications staff. Scott informed the Committee that Motorola has a plan available for an internet based system as opposed to the current analog system. The current 2005 system is stable and should be good for another 6 or 7 years. For a communications annex, the proposal is for a two position console and the price would be approximately \$90,000. Thought has been given to have this annex be situated in the City of Beaver Dam as the building's infrastructure could support it, staff reside there and it would only take about 10 minutes to move staff there in the event of an evacuation of the regular dispatch center. Currently 911 calls would be routed to Fond du Lac in the event of an emergency.

A Communications Annex would be unmanned unless there was an emergency but would be used for training.

The funding for the purchase of radio system for the Annex would come from Law Enforcement Fund dollars.

Other business: Informational presentation by Bob Barrington from the District Attorney Office with an overview of Juvenile Justice. He was joined by Amy Booher, who is the Child and Adolescent Services Supervisor in the Human Services and Health Department. Bob explained that his office prosecutes three types of cases – 1) criminal, where the interest is in punishment, 2) traffic, and 3) juvenile where the goal is to fix a problem before the juvenile reaches adulthood.

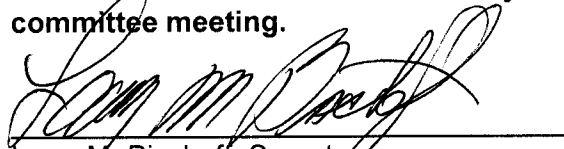
Dodge County pays for juveniles that are in residential treatment. While in Dodge County, although the number of juveniles in the system is down, those still being served have significant needs. They reported that of the 205 cases Human Services has seen, 64 cases were referred to the District Attorney's Office. They work with juveniles directly even if the cases are not referred for prosecution.

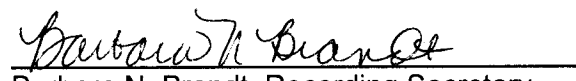
Bob informed the Committee of the ages of juveniles and where in the system a crime might fall because of their age and the severity of the offense. He also pointed out the strict time limits that govern juvenile cases. He explained how plans are formulated for a juvenile and how the terminology is different in juvenile cases as compared to the adult criminal system.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m..

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Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary